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PROTESTS MOUNT AGAINST ISRAEL REPORT ON SCANDAL CHARGES

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

A wave of protests continue to mount against a government panel's report absolving the managing director of the Netivei Neft oil company of charges of wrong-doing. The protests were directed against the majority of the three-man committee, headed by Supreme Court Justice Albert Vitkon, who fo[illegible] although Mordechai Friedman, mana[illegible] ector of the government-owned firm[illegible] faulted for certain administrative i[illegible] ities, his dismissal was not warra[illegible]

Hundreds of Hebrew Universi[illegible] signed a letter last night to Premier Golda Meir urging the Cabinet to reject the majority report, signed by Judge Vitkon and industrialist Avraham Kalir, in favor of the dissenting opinion of the third panel member, Reserves Maj. Gen. Meir Zorea. Zorea recommended that Friedman be fired and was critical of Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein for [illegible]rity in overseeing the operations of Netivei [illegible].

[illegible]arlier, Prof. Natan Rotenstreich, a for[illegible]r Rector of the Hebrew University, and [illegible]of. Shmuel Eisenstadt, dean of the social sciences faculty, accused the committee's majority report of using financial success as a yardstick and neglecting questions of ethical and moral conduct in the Netivei Neft case. The majority report found Friedman not guilty of wrongdoing in the sale, at a large profit, of equipment belonging to a private firm owned by him to another firm closely connected to Netivei Neft.

The letter from Hebrew U. students stated: "We are infinitely concerned with the possibility that the social and moral norms legitimized by the report are apt to serve as educational guidelines." The students added that even if the conditions reported by the committee majority reflected realism, they could not accept the majority's acquiescence in them.

The government panel released its report last week after four weeks of hearings on charges that the management of Netivei Neft which operates captured Egyptian oil wells in the Sinai was guilty of fraud, bribery, corruption and immoral behavior. The charges, made by a government geologist, were sensationalized in some newspapers. The present public furor over the committee's majority findings is one of the rare instances here in which a Supreme Court Justice has been openly criticized.

The Labor Alignment's Knesset faction meanwhile has invited Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to render a progress report on the draft of legislation that would tighten controls over state-owned corporations. The Vitkon committee recommended that existing rules be revised but claimed that it was difficult to find enough qualified economists to effectively control every aspect of State corporation activities.

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UJA c[illegible]n walkathon is sch[illegible] for May 28

With the emphasis on [illegible]iet Jewry, the cam[illegible] leadership is hoping [illegible] much greater community participation in 1972. "Up to now the children have made the walkathon their pet UJA project," Phil Granovsky, campaign chairman, said. "But this is one event where adults and children can be equally active. Age is no barrier."

As an added incentive, Sol Littman, managing editor of **The Canadian Jewish News**, has offered to present a plaque to the first walker to arrive at the final checkpoint with all the certified stops marked off. The official presentation will be made at the Campaign Appreciation [illegible]e 15.

[illegible]epresentation is [illegible]om the 14-18 age [illegible] result of the co-operation of the YM-YWHA which is lining up class representatives from the various public schools in the predominant Jewish areas. The representatives, who will meet at the Y on May 7 and May 14, will promote participation in the walk to their classmates.

Walkathon co-chairmen Morton Goldhar and Dr. Gerry Sugar have been busy with the myriad number of details and arrangements that go into the planning and co-ordination of all facets of the walk.

Sunday, May 28 is the date set for the United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund 22-mile walkathon.

In three short years, this event has become something of an institution for Toronto's Jewish community. So much so that when the United Synagogue Day Schools learned that their family picnic was to take place the day of the walk, the picnic was put off for a later date, so that it wouldn't conflict with the walkathon.

The first walkathon was hastily planned in 1970 with no advance publicity and it managed to raise $55,000 for the campaign. The idea caught on so well that in 1971 twice as many walkers turned out and $110,000 was raised.

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They will daven at the wall

CJN photo by Brian Willer

Seventeen persons wave farewell as they prepare to board a plane at Toronto International Airport for an Israeli Bar Mitzvah tour. Left to right Lorne Sabsay, Steven Lanys and Philip Pancer will celebrate their Bar Mitzvahs at the Western Wall tomorrow (May 6) with their families.

Canada, Israel agree to insurance investment pact

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Asistant Editor

OTTAWA-

Canada and Israel have concluded an agreement on the insurance of new Canadian investments in Israel against non-commercial risks such as war, riot, insurrection, expropriation, confiscation and inconvertibility of funds.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and Israel Ambassador Theodor Meron signed an exchange of notes in Ottawa May 1.

The agreement is one of a number of foreign investment insurance agreements which Canada hopes to conclude with other countries.

In another move, a delegation from the external affairs department, working on an agreement with Israel regarding double taxation, will go to Israel May 21.

At the signing, Sharp called the agreement a "further manifestation of the close and harmonious relations which exist between Canada and Israel."

He continued: "Another aspect of these close relations was the recent decision in principle . . . to advance to Israel loans for several individual projects involving the sale in Israel of Canadian capital goods and services.

"It is expected that as a result, trade between Canada and Israel will increase substantially over the 1971 figures of approximately $14 million each way. Individual Canadians are also travelling to Israel, to see for themselves the remarkable achievements of that country. As a result of the inauguration of direct air services between Canada and Israel in April 1971, some 25,000 Canadians visited Israel last year, a substantial increase over the 1970 figures.

"As is obvious from these figures which I have just cited, the people of Canada have a strong interest in Israel. Despite many hardships, Israel has accomplished much in terms of its economic and social development, and there are many opportunities for expanding cooperation between our two countries.

Ambassador Meron, in his statement, said Israel hopes the agreement will apply to a number of investment projects already under consideration and will be helpful in promoting further Canadian investment in Israel.

Ray D. Wolfe of Toronto, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, called the agreement "significant and one to do more than anything to give confidence to people who want to invest in Israel."

Wolfe was speaking at a Toronto luncheon where Eliezer Grunwald, deputy director of the Israel Government Investment Authority, was the guest speaker. He had just returned from Ottawa where he witnessed the signing.

United Church silence attacked

Special to The CJN

SASKATOON

Christians have the right to criticize Israeli policies, but in view of centuries of anti-Jewish Christian ideology, every criticism of Israel is suspect "unless it is accompanied by the passionate determination that the Jewish state shall live," a Jewish theologian said here.

Dr. Emil Fackenheim, University of Toronto professor and internationally known for his writings and books on philosophical and theological subjects, made this statement in delivering the convocation address at St. Andrew's College after receiving an honorary divinity degree. St. Andrew's is a United Church theological seminary.

"No Christian can stand by the Jewish survivors of the Holocaust and wish the death of Jerusalem," Dr. Fackenheim told his audience.

Declaring that circumstances left him no choice but to enter into the "disagreeable realm of political controversy," Dr. Fackenheim charged that **The United Church Observer**, official church organ, has shown an ever-increasing anti-Jewish bias. He castigated church officials for seeking refuge behind the editor's freedom of speech and remaining silent except to defend those policies or attack those who opposed them.

"The extraordinary and irrational views of the editor of **The Observer** (Dr. A.C. Forrest) have long ceased to amaze the Jewish community," he said. "What causes amazement and pain is the silence and even active compliance of officialdom. No wonder the Canadian Jewish community thinks the United Church of Canada is monolithically anti-Jewish. How could it think otherwise?"

No reputable Christian magazine would have touched a piece by John Nicholls Booth, but **The Observer** reprinted it in abbreviated form from the anti-Semitic **The Cross and the Flag** where it originally appeared, Dr. Fackenheim said.

"When **The Observer** reprinted its essential points in abbreviated form, it reached a new level in lending respectability to hatred of the Jewish people," the Toronto professor asserted.

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Most Soviet immigrants find housing, jobs in 1971

TEL AVIV (JTA) -

More than 90 per cent of the Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union who arrived in Israel last year have found housing and jobs, according to Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive.

Addressing the presidium of the Zionist Actions Committee here, Pincus said the forecast of 70,000 immigrants in 1972 seemed realistic on the basis of the number who have arrived during the first three months of the year. He said about half of the newcomers would be from Western countries.

Pincus warned, however, that an anti-immigration backlash that has developed in the country has had a bad effect on immigration generally and on Soviet immigration in particular. Soviet Jews are not indifferent to what goes on in Israel, Pincus said, referring to resentment among the settled population over certain privileges accorded new immigrants.

Despite these developments, Israel continues to be the preferred destination of most Jews granted exit from the Soviet Union. Only 130 Soviet Jews have gone directly to the U.S. it was learned here, and only about 40 Jews who reached Vienna enroute to Israel changed their minds and went to the U.S. instead, according to information reaching here.

The U.S. admits Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union under the Attorney General's parole authority which waives quota restrictions.

A few Jewish emigre families from the USSR have gone to Canada or Australia from Vienna. Only one family that reached Israel left subsequently for the U.S. and that was over a year ago.

Yehuda Dominitz, deputy director general of the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department, denied a report that several thousand Soviet Jews have gone to America. He did not mention the source of the report.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the first Jewish family from Soviet Georgia to pull out of Israel departed a few days ago.

The couple, Mikhail and Zina Magloshvilli, said life here was too hard. Friends of theirs claimed the Magloshvillis were chronic complainers.

Another Georgian Jew, Joseph Modjgarvrishvilli returned to the USSR a week ago leaving his wife and two infant children behind.

His wife refused to return, reportedly telling him "I want my children to grow up in a free country."

Rabin says U.S., Israel relations have reached 'highest point of understanding' in 5 years

WASHINGTON -

Relations between Israel and the United States have reached "the highest peak of understanding" in five years and have been an effective deterrent to both the Soviet Union and the Arab states from renewing the conflict in the Middle East, Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin of Israel declared here.

Ambassador Rabin spoke at the annual luncheon of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's National Policy Conference at the House Rayburn Building in reply to greetings to Israel on its 24th anniversary.

Ambassador Rabin declared that the most significant developments in the past year had been overall improvement in Israel-American relations, the realization on the part of Washington that a "complicated conflict could not be solved by words alone" or pressures that "sometimes the long way to solve a conflict is the surest way", and that the growing awareness on the part of

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Congress, AJCS accused of education neglect

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Canadian Jewish Congress and the Allied Jewish Community Services were criticized at a seminar here for spending time "squabbling over structure, power and their respective roles, to the neglect of essential matters."

Stanley Cohen, chairman of the educational committee of the Jewish People's and Peretz Schools, accused both bodies of neglecting Jewish education.

"Are AJCS and Congress honestly concerned with education?" Cohen asked in an address at a seminar sponsored by the Labor Zionist Movement.

Cohen, who is an associate editor of the Montreal Star, referred particularly to the $30,000 joint education study report which is being intensively studied by both organizations. The report is expected to radically alter the face of Jewish education in Montreal. The recommendations have not yet been made public.

The setting up of an autonomous bureau of education with funds provided by AJCS "in good faith," was recommended by Cohen. This would be a volunteer organization, acting as an educational resource centre. He said Congress has proved effective in dealing with educational matters as they relate to government, but has fallen short in past years in pressing for local action in Jewish education.

"The education of our children is the priority," he declared, in urging both Congress and AJCS to cease squabbling and concentrate on furthering Jewish education at the local level.

Cohen also questioned how the Canadian Zionist Federation will co-ordinate their National Education Office in light of the Congress-AJCS report. He said the federation must establish a new definition of Zionism for Jews in the Diaspora, and that "feelings for Israel must come before party affiliation.

"Young people are not taught to accept Canada 'my country right or wrong', and we should not discourage questions which imply criticism about Israel," he told his audience.

Cohen said afternoon education is a "dulling thing", and that some teachers are out of touch with the world the child is growing up in.

"The teachers are predicating educational objectives on criteria which no longer exist.

Sex no mystery to our youth?

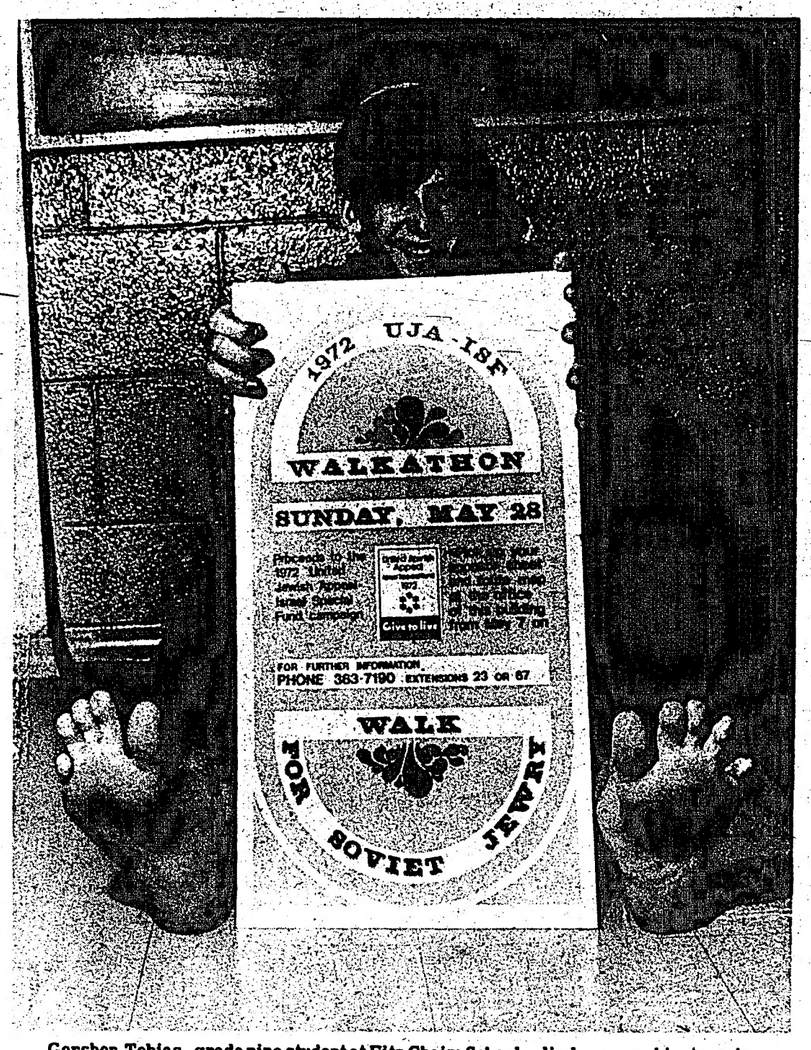
TORONTO -

Sex may be a hot item for parents in this community, but Jewish high school students evidently know it all already (what else is new?).

Fewer than 10 students turned out for a seminar entitled Is There a Jewish View of Sex? conducted by Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

The seminar, one of a series billed I Am Curious (Jewish), was publicized by the Y's information office and the columns of **The CJN**.

Organizations and People



Gershon Tobias, grade nine student at Eitz Chaim Schools, limbers up his toes in preparation for the walkathon, May 28.

'U.S., Israel relations reach high point'

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some Arab countries and the Soviet Union that the threat or use of force would not result in what they wanted to achieve.

General Rabin, who was Chief of Staff during the Six Day War, had high praise for President Nixon's position on the Middle East.

It has also been recognized that "regardless how avidly the powers desired to move completely from war to peace, the realistic approach is to bring about an interim agreement as a step towards a complete understanding."

The U.S. has been attempting to achieve such an interim agreement for the reopening of the Suez Canal, but Egypt's failure to respond to this affirmatively has stood in its way, he declared.

General Rabin said that Washington has granted all of Israel's requests for the arms needed for its defense, and in doing so refuted arguments that it would lend to an escalation of the arms race or might interrupt and destroy the cease fire.

"This has not materialized and I would say that the opposite has happened," he declared.

"We are thankful to Congress which, through legislation, has given Israel the funds to finance the arms purchases and relieve to some extent the great burden of defense Israel has had to carry."

The Congressional speakers present pledged that this would continue.

Senator Jacob Javits said he would "testify to AIPAC's unbelievable effectiveness and high credibility" and praised the organization's executive vice chairman, Isaiah L. Kenen, for his service to Congress.

Senator Robert Griffin, assistant minority floor leader, urged th Administration to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. This would have "a dramatic impact" on other states which still refuse to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, and would also be "a reaffirmation of our belief that Israel would uphold the rights of all religions" in the holy city, he declared.

Correction

In last week's issue of The CJN, a story on the Israel Pavilion said its budget was $76,000. The figure should have read $16,000. The CJN regrets the error.

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Mr. & Mrs. Sammy Salsberg are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Elaine to Bill Jeffery son of Mr. & Mrs. Manny Faith.

Marriages

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Dubinsky announced the recent marriage of their daughter Marilyn, to Mark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sasza Halpern. The wedding took place May 2, 1972 at the New Murray House.

Bella Adelman models an Israeli-made bathing suit which will be part of fashion shows at the Israel Pavilian. The show on Pioneer Women's Day May 7 will take place at 3 and 9 p.m. There will also be fashion shows May 9 and 11.

United Church attacked

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St. Andrew's College, in a press release said that in honoring Prof. Fackenheim it was acknowledging the contribution to theological and philosophical scholarship of one of the most perceptive thinkers of our times.

Said the seminary statement, in part: "We Christians live with the mark of Cain on us as we contemplate our guilt through indifference, acquiesence and theological irresponsibility in that anti-Semitism which manifested itself so incredibly in the murder of the Six Million.

"The Jewish-Christian dialogue has a hard time being maintained in the polemical and polarized situation today. Emil Fackenheim's steady commitment to dialogue in faith commends him to all Christians who realize how dependent Christianity is upon this contact with Hebraic faith and experience."

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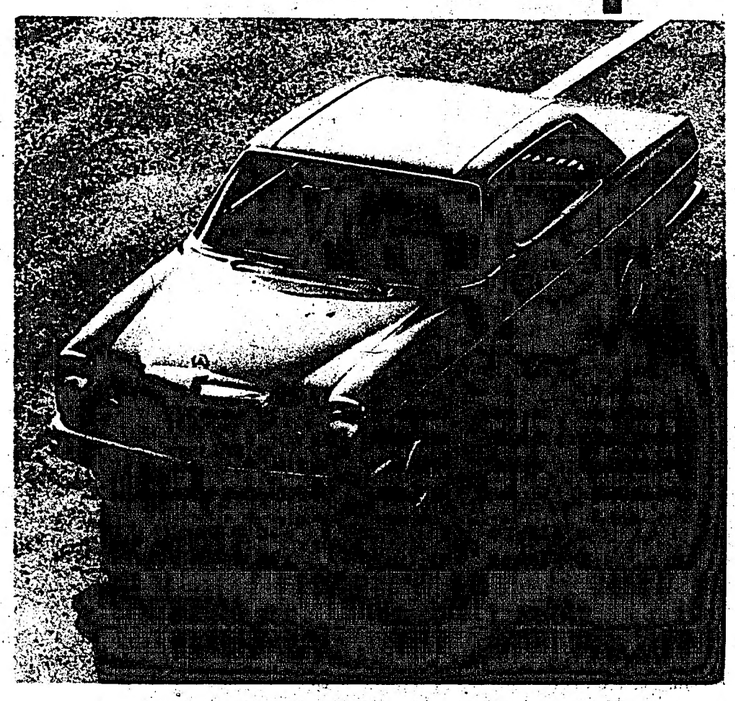
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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

ORT GRAPHIC CONTEST

Toronto Women's ORT which sponsored a graphics contest for first and second year graphic arts students at George Brown College, presented the awards at a coffee party last Wednesday. The students' art work is on display in the OISE building on Bloor St. till May 8. Prize winning graphics will be on sale at the ORT Bazaar, Wednesday, May 10, at St. Lawrence Market.

LAG B'OMER PARADE

The Jewish cubs and scouts sponsored by the Tamarak Leaders Council will have their annual Lag B'Omer parade on Sunday, May 7. Starting at 1 p.m. from the Sheppard-Bathurst shopping plaza, the parade will end at the grounds behind Northview Secondary School where the boys will participate in Maccabbean games.

ART EXHIBIT AND AUCTION

Israeli artists will be represented in an international art exhibition and auction to be presented by the Mothers Association of Eitz Chaim Schools. The collection which includes oil paintings, water colors, lithographs, sculpture jewelry, tapestries and oriental rugs, will be exhibited at the Viewmount branch on Sunday, May 7, at 7 p.m. with the auction starting at 8 p.m.

FUN FOR CHILDREN

Children and parents take note - Adena Chapter of Hadassah in co-operation with the Ontario Educational Communications Authority is presenting a live performance of television's **The Polka Dot Door** on Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Minkler auditorium of Seneca College. Performers Alex Laurier and Pat Hamilton, with Herbie Helbig at the piano, will be on hand for the afternoon of music, singing and lots of audience participation.

CHASSIDIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

Forty Chassidic singers and musicians from Israel, the U.S. and Russia will participate in the forthcoming Festival of Chassidic Music. It is sponsored by Merkas Chabad-Lubavitch and is to be held at Eaton Auditorium on Monday, June 5 at 8 p.m. Guest star, Chassidic vocalist Zvi Ben Yisroel, was the first Jew to sing for the Moscow Philharmonic Choir.

Ruth Jacobson

MOTHER-IN-ISRAEL LUNCHEON

If you are a member of Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Toronto and have pledged one dollar a week to the Mother-In-Israel program to provide daily care for underprivileged children in Israel, then you should attend the Mother-In-Israel luncheon at the Murray House on Steeles Ave., on Sunday, May 7, at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker Mrs. Milton (Ruth) Jacobson, national president of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America, will be coming in from New York for the event.

FARCE AND SATIRE

Be sure to catch **Comedy Four One** - a group of four one-act plays by Anton Chekov, Laurence Langner, Philip Johnson and George S. Kaufman - to be performed by the Beth Tikvah Drama Guild directed by Ruth Tward. Performances are scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 6, 7 and 8, at 8:30 p.m. in the synagogue auditorium on Bayview Ave.

MONTREAL WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Your Community - But Nobody Ever Told You! is the first campaign education program of its kind undertaken by the women's division of Montreal's Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund. Set for Tuesday, May 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, the program starts out with a live and taped dramatic presentation **For the Stones Will Cry,** followed by a panel discussion and then a surprise wind-up.

. . . about people

Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman

The Hamilton Jewish community is in for a treat! One of Canada's most distinguished jurists is to be keynote speaker at the Negev dinner honoring Norman and Blanche Levitt. **Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman,** chief justice of Manitoba, will be in Hamilton on Sunday, May 28 to address the JNF event.

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"For distinctive and continuing service to the community at large", **Ben Beutel, Louis M. Bloomfield, Maxwell Cummings** and **Jack Tietolman** were presented with National Community Service Awards at the Jewish Theological Seminary convocation ceremony held in Montreal last week at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Elie Weisel

Torontonians will have a chance to see and hear **Elie Wiesel** once again! The poet of the Holocaust will be in town on Monday, May 29, to address the annual dinner meeting of the Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Dinner is being served at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel.

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Author and poet **S. I. Simchovitch** has a new book to add to his collection - a study of Shlomo Maimon, leading 18th century figure of the enlightenment and emancipation period of Jewish history. Already known for his poems and essays in Yiddish and Hebrew, Simchovitch has also recently published the first volume of **Sifrutenu,** a reader in modern Hebrew literature. He is a teacher at Toronto's Midrash L'Morim (Jewish Teachers' Seminary) and curator of the Jewish museum at Beth Tzedec.

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Ontario Industry and Tourism Minister **John White** will address a luncheon for the Israeli Trade Mission visiting Canada on May 11 at Sutton Place at 12 noon. The luncheon is being sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

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Halifax's loss is Toronto's gain! **Rabbi Abraham Greenspan** has taken up residence here after serving that maritime community for 35 years, often as the first Canadian rabbi to greet the immigrants from war-torn Europe and as chaplain to the Jewish servicemen stationed there. A leading educator, he formed the first junior congregation in Halifax and was one of the founders of the Jewish educational camp, Kadimah. After a six month stint in Israel, the rabbi and his wife Sophie join their two daughters, married and living in Toronto, and their son who is a professor at McMaster University in Hamilton.

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Israeli ambassador **Theodor Meron** is to address Toronto's community wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations on Sunday, May 14. Also on the program, which takes place at Baycrest Arena at 8 p.m., will be TV and recording artist **Barbara Gryfe** and the **Nirkoda Israeli Dancers** under the direction of **Teme Kernerman.**

Teacher turned clown finds new life peaceful

By GARY LAFORET

TORONTO -

What is a university graduate, and a Jewish boy to boot, doing working for the circus? And as a clown?

Mark Siegel, a onetime English teacher, believes he has found his true vocation in the circus ring. At the age of 24 he has turned his back on academe in favor of an orange yak hair wig, floppy shoes and a black bulb nose.

Born and raised in Minnesota, Mark didn't exactly run away to join the circus in the true tradition of two of the past's greatest Jewish clowns, Felix Adler and Emmett Kelly. Instead he went to a college for clowns to learn the finer points of making children of all ages laugh, with the full approval of his friends and parents.

At Clown College, sponsored by Ringling Bros. - Barnum and Bailey Circus, Mark studied acrobatics, juggling, clown gags, make-up and mime for seven weeks, along with 50 other would be clowns.

"I went to the college without any expectations, he says, "because I couldn't imagine what they would teach. But it's really a very fine program. I sometimes think I learned more there in seven weeks than I did in university in four years."

Ringling Bros. clown Mark Siegel and Kelly Sable comparing noses in Clown Alley. Photo by Brian Willer

There was no daily rehearsal for the 23 Ringling Bros. clowns who were here for the circus last week, but each one of them had to spend an average of 45 minutes each day donning their clown faces.

Sitting on a packing crate in the clown alley of the Coliseum, with a hand mirror and an assortment of tubes and jars of grease paint and powder, the slight, curly-haired Mark still looks like an English teacher from Minnesota.

But he explains that when he's finished putting on his makeup he will have "basically the pink face of the character clown."

Mark, whose favorite clownish character is Stan Laurel, says that clowning in front of thousands of people gives him a strange feeling that is never the same twice.

"It always changes. It depends on the particular setting. I usually don't even think about being funny. I watch people in the audience for their reactions. Somehow they'll be someone who sticks out in a crowd. Maybe there'll be someone sitting in a particular place or laughing or applauding in a particular way."

Contrary to the popular belief that circus life is frenetic and nerve-wracking, Mark finds it "peaceful and relaxing."

He spends his spare time writing and cartooning and there's a possibility he'll be doing some cartoon work for Ringling Bros. in the future.

As Mark puts the finishing touches on his face, a little girl walking by with her mother chirps, "Look, Mommy! A clown's putting on his makeup!"

"Where? Where?" shouts Mark, jumping up, looking around and getting a laugh from the small crowd gathered around him in the clown alley of the CNE's Coliseum.

Seek volunteers for task force on education

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO -

Between 80 and 100 women volunteers will be knocking on doors in the latter part of May as part of a task force on a survey of Jewish education needs and priorities in the city of Toronto.

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, explained the aims of this most comprehensive study of what it hopes to accomplish at a Presidents' Council meeting of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, which operates under the aegis of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

"We would like you to go back to your sisterhoods and societies and tell them about this study. We don't want volunteers who offer their assistance without really knowing the extent of time and commitment involved," Rabbi Witty said. "We need selective recruitment, women with perception and sensitivity who are equipped to handle unexpected contingencies."

Volunteers selected will be interviewed and given a short training session before they go out to the community. The aims of the study as spelled out by Rabbi Witty are to reach that undetermined portion of the uncommitted sector of the Jewish population and find out what they want for their children in Jewish education. For those parents whose children are already in Jewish schools, their suggestions for improvements and what they like and dislike about the present system will be sought out in detail.

"We really mean business," Rabbi Witty stated. "We want individuals to come forward to share their views and personal reactions."

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Social program must be expanded to alleviate widespread poverty

Recently, Hebrew University professor Shlomo Avineri, speaking at Beth Tzedec, assured his audience that the social integration of Oriental and European Jews in Israel was not far off. He cited the growing number of Oriental Jews on town councils and the election of a Sephardi as speaker in the Knesset.

In referring to the Israeli Black Panthers, he dismissed the urgency of their protest by quipping, "In what other country do the protest organizations insist on being drafted into the army?"

Such reassurances should, however, not be trusted. New elements have entered the picture which radically alter the situation. When all of Israel was poor, when massive numbers of immigrants, many in desperate personal condition as a result of their experience in concentration camps were living in tents on restricted diets, the common poverty bound the country together. But today the problem has become one of part of the population living in poverty while another enjoys increasing affluence.

Added to this is the growing fear of many Sephardim that they are becoming trapped in an inescapable cycle of poverty, low education and menial jobs from which there may be no escape for the next generation.

It was precisely this combination of ingredients which made the race clash in the U.S. so bitter. When a sense of hopelessness is coupled with a sense of being cheated, disappointment turns to despair and delinquency to rebellion.

Studies completed in Israel reveal that although Sephardim comprise over half the Jewish population, only 16 percent of the high school graduates in 1968-69 were Sephardic and only 12 percent of the university students were of Eastern background.

The average annual income of a family whose head was born in Africa or Asia is 8,200 Israeli pounds; the European counterpart earns 12,000 pounds. Given the larger size of the Sephardic families (4.9 versus 3.1) Sephardic per capita income is 44 percent of European.

Sephardim, 55 percent of the Jewish population, are a small minority in the Knesset. Of 21 ministers in the present cabinet, until recently only two were Sephardim.

Local officials continue to be overwhelmingly European Jews, usually recruited by the national parties and imposed on local politics.

Housing, education and employment continue to be rare commodities for many Oriental families. The Musrara section of Jerusalem is as fierce a slum as any to be found in America's urban ghettos.

To all of this has been added the generous concessions granted to new immigrants and the special concern shown for Russian Jews arriving in Israel.

From the beginning Israel has sought to balance the competing demands of defence, immigration and the alleviation of poverty. The problems have always been enormous and the funds have never been adequate. Now the time has come, because it cannot be neglected further without dire consequences, for the Israeli government to enlarge its social programs aimed at alleviating poverty.

If the Black Panthers are to be a passing phenomenon, the poverty which bred them must be a temporary condition.

Faint glimmer of hope lightens horizon despite Sadat's threats

The menacing speeches being made by President Sadat concerning his plans for the liquidation of the Israeli presence in the Middle East, does not conceal the fact that a glimmer of sanity is beginning to appear on the murky horizon. Just a glimmer, that's all, but if one had to make an assessment of the chances for a political settlement, the conclusion would be that the prospects are brighter now than at any time in recent years.

The more moderate-minded men who occupy some of the seats of power in the Arab world seem to be convinced that another war with Israel - even if Egypt and her allies won, which is highly unlikely - will solve nothing. Sadat knows this too, but face saving is an important consideration, and the Egyptian leader so far has not been able to hit on a formula that will bypass a military adventure and at the same time be politically expedient.

While it is a basic part of Israel's policy to oppose any attempt by the Big Powers to dictate a Middle East settlement, Israel's leaders are hopeful that President Nixon's visit to Moscow will produce tangible results for a lessening of tensions.

If the men in the Kremlin believe that ultimately Israel will withdraw to her 1967 borders, thus exposing herself as a tempting target for a future aggressor, it will be up to the U.S. president to set them straight. National security will not permit Israel to return to the nightmare of indefensible borders. But this does not mean that Israel will not sit down with the Arabs for peace talks. This she has repeatedly stated she is prepared to do, not in a spirit of take it or leave it, but in a genuine attempt to reach an understanding based on her essential need of secure borders.

That glimmer of hope for a lasting peace must be nurtured in a climate of enlightenment, a climate that so far has failed to develop in the Middle East. But there are definite signs of an upturn in relations between Israelis and the Arabs on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. And the manner in which Israel is governing the united city of Jerusalem is commending itself to the outside world, with the possible exception of some Christian leaders who can't bring themselves to believe - or admit - that their holy places under Jewish rule are more accessible and better protected than ever before.

Once peace is made, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs will live in an Arab state with all the sovereign rights that go with true national independence. This is the conviction of Foreign Minister Abba Eban as recently voiced by him, and it carries with it the promise of no intervention by Israel in the internal affairs of such a state.

The catch is, peace has first to be made, and as the old saying goes, it takes two to tango.

A clear, jack-boot echo heard

The entry of the John Birch Society into Canada should not be regarded as a curiosity and then dismissed. The organization, as has been proven in the U.S., has great capacity for doing damage.

It's simplistic approach to Communism can be the source of great confusion. When Eisenhower can be deemed a tool of the Communist conspiracy, when the United Nations can be deemed a conspiracy to "denationalize the U.S.", and when medicare and mother's allowance can be condemned as evidence of a Communist takeover, we are indeed in a wonderland in which up is down and black is white.

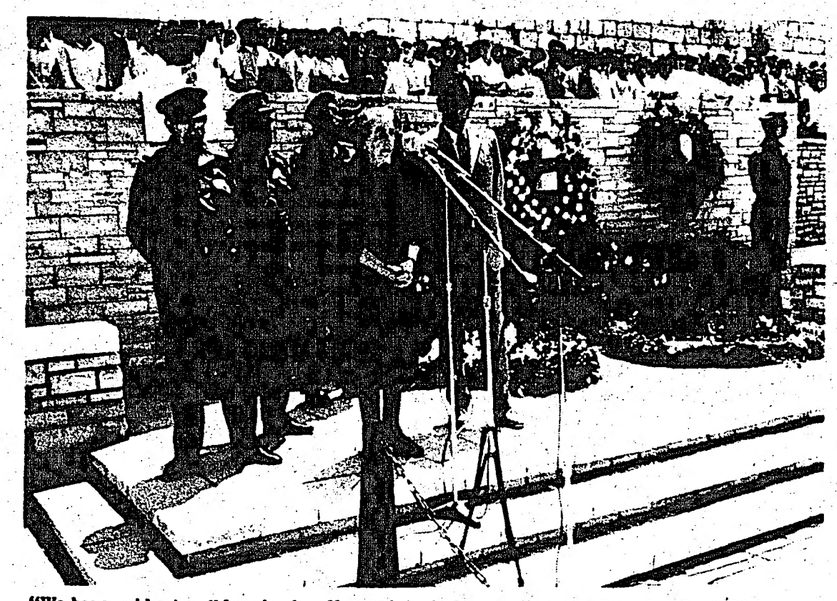
The people who join the Birch society are searching for easy solutions to complex problems. They tend to be paranoic, seeing conspiracies everywhere. They are believers in a "devil" theory of history which holds that evil men, engaged in evil plots have manipulated the world.

The Birch society has consistently teetered on the brink of anti-Semitism. If their official statements on Jews have been guarded, their membership has frequently been more blunt.

People given to conspiracy theories, seeing enemies everywhere are prone to believing all of the anti-Semitic myths.

Dr. William Pierce of Washington D.C., editor of the neo-Nazi periodical Attack, was perfectly correct when he stated in an interview in the Toronto Sun, "People start with the J.B.S. and when they are through theorizing and want some action they have only a short jump to make to the Nazis."

The Western Guard, the former Edmund Burke Society, has also revealed its true colors. That organization's recent references to "Western Christian morality" evoke a clear, jack-boot echo.



"We have paid a terrible price for all our victorious wars," Prime Minister Golda Meir said at the Remembrance Day service for Israel's 6,000 men and women who lost their lives in the three wars. She spoke at the ceremony in the Prophets section of Jerusalem's Mount of Olives Cemetery. Israel Sun Photo

24th anniversary stars Leonard Cohen, 'The Saint'

By ARTHUR GARMAISE

TEL AVIV -

Those who speculate about what a Sunday off would be like in a five-day work week in Israel had a chance to see just such a holiday in process this past Independence Day.

Seen from the Tel Aviv area, it resembled nothing so much as a pleasant summer Sunday in England or North America; family and group picnics with loaded lunchbaskets; carefree touring in a cloudless, warm, but not overly hot, day, ideal for the beach, for casual driving, social tennis and golf.

A touch of beach diversion that might not have occurred on your normal Sunday; girls and boys parachute-jumping near the shore-a pleasant half-hour diversion from the day long suntanning and wave-splashing to the background tick-tack sound of paddle ball games.

It was a sleepy morning for most people after their late-night, light or heavy drinking parties. The party small talk of the sophisticated was, more often than not, punctuated by mild, cynical, laughter at the Witkon Commission's majority report released the day before: - the Independence Day "present" to Mordechai ('Mottie') Friedman, clearing him of any wrong-doing in the Netivei Nepht affair.

Concurrent with the parties of the evening before were popular entertainment programs. The leading celebrity of Independence Day Eve was Roger Moore, "The Saint", of the currently-running TV series. He headed a number of stadium programs of pop groups playing American rock.

His promoters did very well indeed. Esther Opharim, the local girl who made good on German TV, also drew packed halls. She masters an extensive repertoire of English, French, German, American and Hebrew songs, and is headed for a notable international reputation.

The evening of the day itself in Tel Aviv had Leonard Cohen in one stadium and Mary Hopkins, the Beatles' protegee, in another. She wasn't loud and brassy enough for the crowd's taste; the younger members howled her off the stage, preferring the noisier, second-string, rock groups.

In contrast to Jerusalem's authentic folk dancing, and the semi-professional troupe sponsored in Haifa for the spectators, Tel Aviv had no open-air dancing whatever. The crowds were out, as usual, ambling easily after the fireworks display, but music was confined to popular rock selections piped through inferior p.a. systems at the City Hall and Dizengoff Circle. The gay lighting was very well done this year.

Other distinctive features, marking the day off as a special occasion: most theatres were open at reduced prices. TV had daytime programming, and newspaper supplements carried up to a page on the newest American equipment acquired by Tzahal (Israel Defence Forces) on the country's current long-term, easy-payment loans from Washington. This is standard Sunday fare in the West, but for Israel, it was unusual.

It is predicted that for next year's Independence Day, the State's 25th, there will be a "real" Yom Ha'Atzmaut. The hora-stomping, nigun-singing, proud-striding pre-1968 kind that earlier tourists remember. A record number of tourists is expected next year. It's possible. This is a very adaptable people.

ask the rabbi

Jewish view on original sin

1. What is the Jewish view on the Christian concept of original sin?

RESPONSE:

Obviously, Judaism rejects the belief that the death of Jesus was an atonement for man's sin. The question to be considered is whether Judaism accepts the idea that all men are tainted by Adam's sin, which is what the doctrine of original sin means. It has been said that the difference between Judaism and Christianity in this matter is that Christianity believes that man sins because he is a sinner, while Judaism believes he is a sinner, because he sins. This is a pleasant generalization, but the truth is that on a complicated topic such as this it is difficult to speak of the Jewish point of view.

It is probably true that there is less emphasis among Jewish teachers on original sin than there is among Christians but some distinguished Jewish teachers have held doctrines about the inherent sinfulness of human nature that are not too different from the Christian doctrine. Professor A. J. Heschel has acutely examined some of these ideas ("A Hebrew Evaluation of Reinhold Niebuhr" in Reinhold Niebuhr, N.Y., pp. 391-410). Heschel has shown that, particularly in Chassidic thought, an over-optimistic view of man's virtue is not entertained. One of the Chassidic thinkers said that man is like a stork whose feet are stuck in the mud. The stork sticks its beak in the mud and is thus able to free its legs but it then finds that its beak is now deeply embedded in the mud.

Of course, it can be said that if there is such a thing as "normative Judaism" then it does not emphasize original sin, but it is not too clear what "normative" means in such a context. It should be mentioned, however, that there are only two passages in rabbinic literature which appear to accept the doctrine of original sin. These are: "Four died through the serpent's machinations" (Shabbat 55b) and "The serpent copulated with Eve and infected her with his filth" (Shabbat 146a). Professor E. Urbach (Chazel, Jerusalem, 1969, pp. 371-392) has subjected these two passages to a close scrutiny and has shown that, in fact, Israel is explicitly excluded in them from the serpent's machinations and his filth. He suggests that the passages may be in the nature of an international polemic against the Christian view.

Subtle campaign to convert Jewish youth goal of 'Hebrew Christian' movement

By Prof. ELEAZAR BIRNBAUM

This article was written in collaboration with Yaffa Fordsham, youth director of P'Eylim of Canada, an Orthodox movement dedicated to the furtherance of Jewish education.

On Passover, when a Jew's sense of his identity is at its height, many members of the Toronto Jewish community were aroused to anger and dismay by a full page ad in the Toronto Star. It showed a large group of smiling Jewish faces. The text explained that they wore "That Smile" because "the love of Jesus has come into their life". Jewish readers were invited to learn more about the reason for their happy smiles by writing to a certain address.

Some investigation brought disturbing information to light. Amongst those who are eager to capture Jewish souls are both gentile Christian enthusiasts and baptized Jews, who often call themselves "Hebrew Christians." Several groups of these are particularly active in the Toronto area.

They assert that Judaism has been "superseded" by Christianity, and that if Jews "accept Jesus" as the messiah they are "fulfilling" themselves as Jews.

This is not the place to discuss their arguments or their sincerity. It is worthwhile to see who stands behind them, how they operate and what effect they and their activities have had on their Jewish clients.

Their work needs money and in plenty. Much of it comes from evangelical churches and similar groups, who realize that the present climate is no longer congenial to old-style "fire and brimstone" Christian missionary activity amongst the Jews, of the kind once aimed at "converting the heathens, drunkards" and suchlike.

Furthermore, the main line churches have also found by experience that baptized Jews have more easily gained the confidence of Jews and proved more persuasive than gentile missionaries. This is not to say that gentile Christian missions are not also involved and cooperating.

One such place functions under the guise of a coffee house in the Yorkville area: any night of the week one can see a crowd of Jewish teenagers there, and they are gradually being "won over." Their converts bring in new recruits.

In the past few months a surprising number of Jewish boys and girls at one North York High School have been baptized. In many cases the youngsters who get involved have inadequate knowledge of Judaism or Jewish traditions. The spiritual vacuum in their lives needs to be filled and they look for a sense of purpose.

Their grandparents found this in devotion to Torah; the grandchildren have hardly heard of the word, but they are conscious of lacking something. The missionaries make it their business to fill the gap. Their approach is generally friendly and generous.

Specifically Christian ideas are introduced only gradually. Plenty of special magazines and pamphlets supplement the meetings and help to instill the new faith. The young people are instructed to try and keep all this secret from their parents "who would not yet understand;" some kids have been baptized and are themselves converting others long before their parents find out.

Thanks to "love of Jesus," tragic upheavals take place in families, and insoluble psychological problems multiply. Jews regard the converts as Christians, most Christians consider them Jews and they are left in a kind of limbo. Gradually many find ways of assimilating into the general gentile community.

The professional "Hebrew Christian" missionaries work quite systematically. For example, in the Willowdale area a husband and wife team select apartment buildings where many of the tenants are Jewish, knock on doors and when admitted ask if they can "help." They react sympathetically to tenants' problems, and still posing as kind hearted Jews, they build up confidence.

Only later and little by little do they bring in occasional references to Jesus. The missionaries make a special effort to interfere with families which already have serious problems. Some of their targets have recently come to light: families where a parent is crippled or a widow is desperately trying to cope with a large family of children. They supply assistance in cash and kind, and ask nothing in return - except souls.

Another lady missionary refused to give details of the number of conversions to Christianity and their membership "so that rabbis won't be disturbed and won't disturb their people about us. We don't talk narrowly about religion. We use a kindly approach."

If the Jewish community cared sufficiently to give their young people a genuine religious content in their lives, or they would set an example at home in Jewish living which their children could respect, the kind of vacuum which is now being filled with missionary dynamite would not have developed and could not continue.

If only we worried sufficiently about our brethren and went out of our way to seek out and help the many others with social, economic or family difficulties! The activities of the missionaries are leaving a trail of havoc in the families of their victims - homes torn apart with conflicts, violent confrontations and acute social problems.

Children primed with specially interpreted quotations from the New Testament and the Bible scream about "love of Jesus" and leave their homes, parents disown them and threaten suicide. The distressed accept missionary hand-outs and suffer acute pangs of conscience while trying to square it somehow with their Jewish souls.

Opinion

Israeli humorist , Kishon, conducts his own private wars against status quo

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Humorists like poets have often more to say about the state of their society than political and social analysts, or at least they have the habit of saying it better. They work on intuition rather than on the basis of assembling facts and figures, and therefore often can come far more quickly to conclusions which the careful scholar will take years to develop.

This is by way of introducing you - if an introduction is indeed needed - to Israel's national humorist Ephraim Kishon. Of course, you have read his pieces from time to time. You probably saw his hilariously funny film "Sallah". He was the author of the famous "So Sorry We Won," a biting satire on the United Nations. He speculated how the world would have wept copious crocodile tears had Israel been pushed into the sea and its two million Jews been wiped out, how memorial services would have been held all over the world and noble monuments erected in many capitals. But a victorious Israel - that went against the grain of history and called for something like a national apology.

Kishon writes a regular column "Had Gadya" for **Ma'ariv**, and from time to time his pieces have been assembled in book form. Just now I had a chance to read a collection in English translation, called **Blow Softly in Jericho** (published by Atheneum, 1970). It is a marvellous potpourri of Kishon's private wars with computers, taxes, freeloaders, pets, plumbers, children, politics, appliances - but most of all with bureaucrats of all assorted shapes, forms and sizes. Of course, political pieces are not lacking. There is for instance his fantasy of a United Nations resolution censoring - whom else? - Israel for Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia. He describes in detail how the great powers manoeuvred back and forth, juggling commas, semi-colons and periods - but all agreeing in the end that it was Israel's fault allright. The final payoff was an amendment to the resolution: "Furthermore, Israel has to desist from causing further earthquakes in Iran." And lest you think that the piece is directly only at "them," let me hasten to add that Kishon's final paragraph throws its darts also at the Israeli Foreign Office whose solemn statement on the occasion asserted that "the draft resolution censuring Israel for the occupation of Czechoslovakia failed dismally," and called the exercise "a diplomatic victory."

Each of the 45 little gems is preceded by a whimsical introductory paragraph, a kind of Thurberism. On the piece just discussed the prelude reads:

"One of the most resounding victories of the Arab States is the United States Security Council, which in the past 20 years has not found it necessary to censure them even once. The Security Council censure is reserved exclusively for our aggressive state; as a matter of fact, we have become so accustomed to the weekly censure that its absence creates in us a feeling of void. After all we took out a subscription, didn't we?"

Or this: "Since our government sees in peace a precondition for peace, it cannot waive a dialogue between the parties as a well-tested means of communication. Naturally, our neighbors cannot agree to this demand, which borders on blackmail as it would create the impression that they have been defeated in war by a state which actually exists."

Back in '69 and '70 when Russian immigration still belonged to an unlikely future, Kishon already foresaw the difficulties which such immigration would bring in its train. In a piece called "The Russians Are Coming" he predicted in his own subtle way what would happen in the field of housing and how the Israelis themselves would react to the problem. Just about everyone in Israel reads Kishon's column, but not everyone sees behind the perennial entertainer also the occasional prophet, which is a pity.

Our debt

By J.B. SALSBERG

The courageous and self-sacrificing struggle of the vanguard of Soviet Jewry is a chapter of heroic proportions even in our long and heroic history. But the priceless bonus which the Jews of the world receive from that inspiring strugle is also of colossal importance.

From my viewpoint it could be successfully argued that what their determined battle does for us - Jews of the whole world - is greater by far than what we are doing for them.

What do we do for the fighting vanguard in Moscow, Leningrad, Riga, Chernovitz, Vilno, Minsk and the brave young Jews in other Soviet cities and prisons? At best we fulfil the role of civilians who support their country's fighting front in time of war. Unfortunately we have not even done that adequately enough - not anywhere near it. At best we give political, moral and financial support in their David and Goliath confrontation.

What do the Soviet Jews do for us? They enrich the national consciousness; they strengthen the ties of kinship; they generate new sources of unifying and activating power among the Jewish people everywhere in the world. These may be intangible gifts to the totality of Jewish life and to Jewish continuity, but, in my opinion, they match the spiritual and political legacies left to us by the founding of the state of Israel and the victory of the Six Day War in 1967.

This estimation of the effect of the give-and-take relationship between the Soviet Jews and the Jewish communities everywhere else matures in my mind as I observe and participate in the day-to-day struggle on behalf of Soviet Jews. Experiences during the last few days fortify this conclusion.

Last Thursday I attended a leadership conference called by the Canadian Jewish Congress and devoted exclusively to planning our future activities on behalf of Soviet Jews. It was a workshop type of gathering of people who developed considerable expertise in this field for the past few years and brought together leading Jewish activists from Halifax to Vancouver.

The participants were mainly of the younger generation of Canadian Jews. Their ties with the Jews in Russia are solely national, religious and cultural rather than personal. Yet, what wealth of experience they have accumulated! What detailed knowledge of the situation on the fighting front they have acquired! What powerful ties they have created between the "front" and the "civilian rear"! What dedication to the cause they displayed! Many times during the deliberations in Winnipeg I felt that the Soviet Jewish struggle was forging a stronger Jewish leadership right here in Canada.

Saturday morning I had the rich experience of addressing two groups of young students of the Holy Blossom Temple school on the problems of Soviet Jewry. I would guess that the average age of the children attending the two sessions was around the Bar Mitzvah level. Rarely have I spoken to a more attentive audience and rarely has an audience - even of mature adults - asked more intelligent questions and displayed more knowledge of the subject than was revealed by those wonderful children.

As I left the school building of Holy Blossom, I had no doubt about the debt we owe to Russian Jewry for their contribution to the development of Jewish consciousness among our children here and for the direct, personal involvement of our young, even our very young, in a national cause affecting fellow-Jews who are thousands of miles removed from us.

On the eve of President Nixon's visit to Moscow the Jewish community of the U.S. organized a National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews and Sunday, April 30th, was that day. Our U.S. brothers are doing on the eve of Nixon's departure what we, in Canada, did on Premier Kosygin's arrival here last October. There, as here, Jews participated in massive numbers. There, as here, Jewish student youth played a leading role in the demonstration of Jewish identity and concern.

Will the U.S. demonstrations help the Russian Jews? They undoubtedly will, as did our own great public demonstrations last fall. Nor can there be any doubt about the positive effects of these mass-involved activities on the national consciousness of U.S. Jewry; the largest Jewish community in the world to day.

It all reminds one of the biblical story of Balak and the Moabite Prophet Balaam. Balak called on Balaam and said; "Come, curse Jacob for me O come, denounce Israel!" But, as the bible tells us, Balaam blessed Israel instead. Yes, strange and unexpected things do happen. Balak found that out. Is Moscow learning the lesson too?

Torah law binding on Orthodox Jews

By DR. JACOB TECHOSH

As a concerned member of the Toronto Jewish Community I would like to comment on Dr. B. Shapiro's article, vith gratitude for **The CJN**'s fairness in providing equal time and space.

To begin, I quote with full approval a sentence from Dr. Shapiro's piece: "To disregard the various colorations and persuasions that make up the fabric of our total Jewish community is arrogant." This, precisely, and nothing else, lies at the root of the problem.

Dr. Shapiro accuses the orthodox of creating this schism in the comnunity. This is an unfounded charge worthy of nothing but contempt. For any community to be united there is one basic preconditon: no one group should be forced, directly or indirectly, to sacrifice or forego its principles and beliefs. You cannot build unity on the corpses of those you seek to join together. And that is exactly what the Congress-Memorial tried to do.

It is a fact well-known to all concerned, that Halacha, the traditional Torah-law irrevocably binding upon every orthodox Jew as Divinely ordained, explicitely prohibits any form of Divine service under heterodox circumstances or in a heterodox place of worship. Like it or not, this is the Din, the Halacha, and there are no two ways about it.

There is nothing wrong for a Conservative or Reformer to attend services in an Orthodox synagogue or neutral hall. Hence, if all colorations and persuasions are to be brought together there are only two alternatives: an orthodox synagogue or a neutral, public hall.

If Congress persists in arranging memorials elsewhere, for whatever prestige-competition politics, they cannot possibly ask Orthodoxy to co-operate or participate.

To argue that the Nazis made no distinctions between religious and non-religious is irrelevant and absurd. They murdered Communist and converted Jews, people of Jewish descent but Halachically non-Jews, as well. Should we therefore join in memorials in the spirit of Communism, Christianity, atheism and what have you?

It is equally absurd, and ignorant, to accuse the Orthodox of a Chilul Hashem. Chilul Hashem is a strictly Halachic concept. Halacha defines what constitutes a Chilul Hashem. To abide by Halacha is a Kidush Hashem. For people that deny the validity of Halacha to throw Halachic concepts at believers is a sad symptom of presumptuous arrogance and crude ignorance.

Rabbi says CJN 'sidestepping' problems of community

Dear Editor:

I am troubled by anapparent discrepancy between your editoral position and your editorial policy, i.e. between the theory and the practice.

I feel it is wrong for example, that your editorials deal forthrightly with Canadian and Israeli issues, but sdestep the problems that abound below the surface of the local Jewish community.

The Jewish community has matured to the point where critical views of Israel can be expressed withot the spectre constantly being raised of the threat to UJA donations or the "image" of Israel. I feel we should similarly be free to criticize aspects of the local Jewish ommunity without the threat that support ad public image of local institutions will sufer.

Your masthead bears the descriptive phrase, "An independent community newspaper servig as a forum for diverse viewpoints." Aparently, though, there are limitations set by the directors of **The CJN** on the expression of diverse viewpoints; it would be helpful for the community to be so informed.

Regarding these issues of freedom of the press and the expression of diverse viewpoints, I had an experience with **The CJN** this past week that disturbed me. My home was called by your reporter to check a fact in regard to an article which dealt tangentially with me. I noticed that the article did not appear (April 28).

Upon inquiry I was told that since the article turned out to be one-sided - the other side having declined comment - it was denied publication.

This seems to me unacceptable from the standpoint of news policy - since the other side had been given the opportunity to comment if it so chose - as well as from the standpoint of the stated aim of **The CJN** of allowing expression of different points of view.

I think that in the long run, criticism and dialogue will serve the community more constructively than shoring up the status quo and eschewing controversy for fear of alienating certain segments - in particular the established leadership - of the community.

(Rabbi) Ben Hollander

Dear Editor:

Conflicts on major ideological issues between Israeli delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress and those who came from abroad, have demonstrated the urgent need for structural change in the World Zionist Organization.

The principal functions of the WZO-Zionist education in a non-Jewish environment, material and political support for the state of Israel, and encouragement and facilitation of Jewish migration to Israel, are all performed outside the state; the problems arising in their discharge are wholly unfamiliar to native Israelis and their contribution to many debates in Congress have become increasingly irrelevant and often negative.

Thought should now be given to the proposition that Israel citizens, who by birth or immigration are beyond the stage of being Zionists, should no longer attend Congress as voting delegates.

This re-structure will also eliminate the spilling-over of Israeli local politics into the WZO and help to do away with the ancient but now outdated and harmful party - politicking within the WZO.

Zionist co-ordination with the needs of Israel will be maintained through the Jewish Agency.

Sig. Protter
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I was impressed to read about Rev. Gregory Baum's recent address (CJN, Apr. 21) to a Toronto church congregation. The comments he delivered to the gathering on **The United Church Observer's** role in the Palestine-Israeli conflict were to the point.

Certainly anyone who has looked into the overburdened annals of anti-Semitism as performed in the past and pursued almost without pause to this very day know it as fact. To dismiss it as a creation used by Jewish nationals in order to insure survival goes against a good deal of evidence found in recorded history.

I, for one, would like to know if **The Observer's** editor A.C. Forrest could find a moment to better aquaint himself with the views found from the other side of the fence, i.e., Israel - a nation under duress, fortified as a garrison state, threatened at bayonet point - is in jeopardy and isn't ready to risk its political entity on anybody's say so.

Jerry Lerman
Toronto

Dear Editor:

If the Holocaust memorial service would not be such a serious theme, I would be thoroughly amused by Dr. Shapiro's article filled with errors and misconceptions indicative of his "profound" Jewish knowledge.

While condemning the Orthodox Jewish Community's separate services, he omits, for lack of knowledge or in order to mislead, to tell his reader that all over the world the 27th of Nissan is the correct Remembrance Day and not the 28th, as was observed in Beth Tzedec. Beth Tzedec seemed to be the only congregation that excluded itself from World Jewry.

Why doesn't Dr. Shapiro tell his readers that in Beth Tzedec the seating arrangement is mixed (men and women together) and therefore Halachically prohibited? A few months ago, I had the opportunity to meet a Toronto Conservative rabbi's daughter who herself would not enter her father's temple, for the same reasons.

Why doesn't the honorable doctor tell his readers that while youth was conspicuously absent from Beth Tzedec, they were abundantly present in Shaarei Tefillah? Obviously it was not, as Dr. Shapiro tries to have us believe, due to exams, that they were absent.

I won't bother to comment re: his absurd definition of Chillul Hashem; nor regarding his twice misspelled "Yiskadal" (instead of "Yisgadal"); I only reiterate that Dr. Shapiro was either trying to mislead his reader, or was in error.

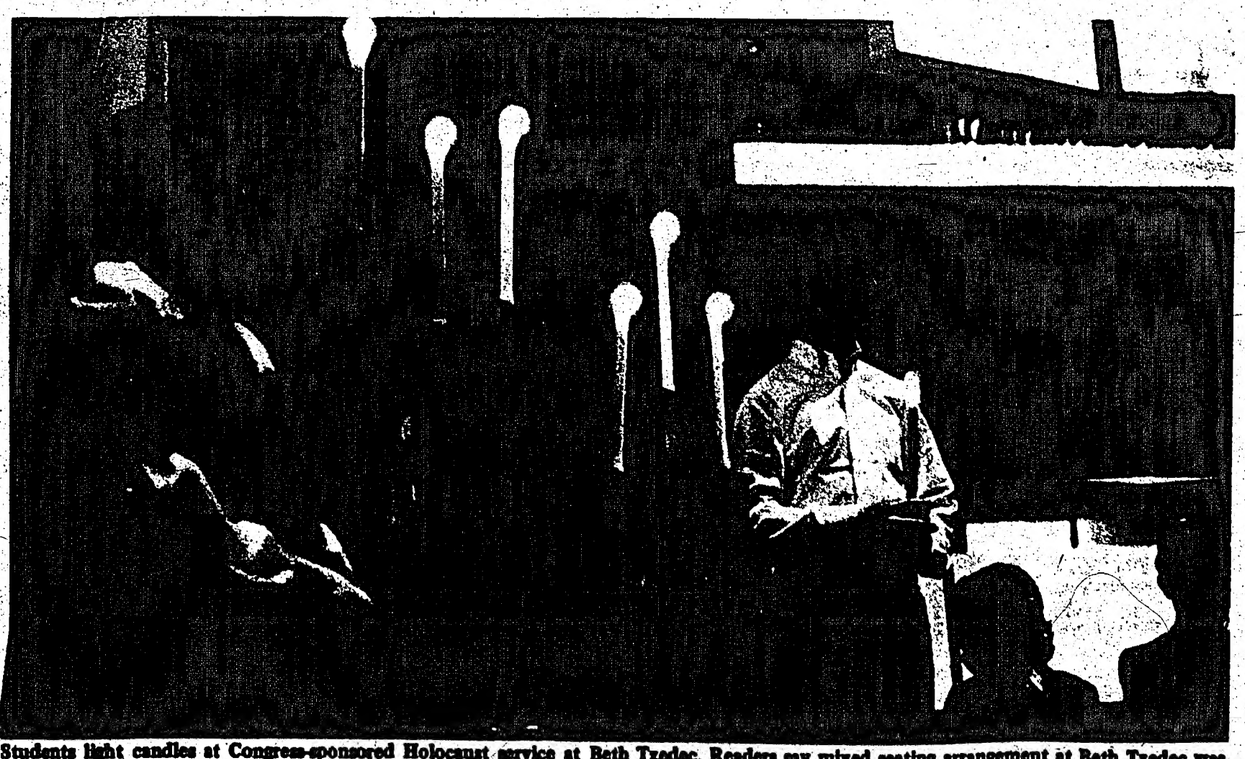
In the future, if the Conservative and Reform members want to join the Torah-true Jewry in paying tribute to the Six Million Martyrs, I am sure that we can find an Orthodox Synagogue, or a neutral hall, large enough to accommodate us all.

Ben Balshan
Willowdale

Dear Editor:

In his May 1 **Globe and Mail** column Mr. Kenneth Bagnell says that I made the "proper decision" in deciding to accept an honorary degree from St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, a United Church institution. His reason for thinking so, however, is not my own. In his view, the decision hopefully will be a "step toward the reconciling of the Jewish community and the country's largest Protestant body." On my part, in accepting the degree which St. Andrew's is offering in friendship for the whole Jewish people. I have no wish to say "peace, peace, when there is no peace." What I wish to say, as loudly as I can, is that true reconciliation can come for the Jewish community and the United Church of Canada only when the Church acts so as to place all anti-Jewish bias, however shabbily disguised as "anti-Zionism" or "concern for Arab refugees," firmly beyond the bounds of "editorial freedom."

Emil L. Fackenheim
Toronto



Students light candles at Congress-sponsored Holocaust service at Beth Tzedec. Readers say mixed seating arrangement at Beth Tzedec was Halachically prohibited. Orthodox Jews held a separate service, bringing sharp criticism from a Congress official. (CJN photo by Gadi Hoz.)

Student gets $19,000 for handyman project

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO -
An enterprising 18-year-old business administration student at George Brown College has been awarded a $19,287 Opportunities for Youth grant to operate a handyman service this summer.

Morry Golden will be in charge of 15 students doing everything from gardening to masonry work. Twelve men and three women have already been recruited.

Asked by The CJN for his reaction to the grant, he replied: "I'm surprised and happy our project was one of the lucky 3,000 and I hope we prove we deserved it."

Morry Golden

Son of Abe and Merle Golden of Searle Ave., Downsview, Morry has been a worker at Jewish Vocational Service for the last two summers. He called employers seeking jobs for students, interviewed students and filed.

"I really enjoyed it, but monetary needs change the older you get," he said.

Last year at JVS there were 15 to 20 jobs available for handyman services. "We tried to lump all these into one category and got five kids together and went out to do the jobs.

"By referrals we built up business. . . . We had no skilled help but guaranteed our work and never had any complaints."

The student said it was a great way to spend the summer. "Meeting people was most enjoyable."

Morry's application for the grant was supported by David Rubin, chairman of the board of JVS, and North York Mayor Basil Hall.

According to details of the agreement with the federal government, the handyman service will offer free labor and service to homeowner pensioners in North York.

Morry is one of the lucky students working this summer. According to Cheryl Gaster of JVS, there has not been a good response from employers to hire students this summer.

Last year 388 students came to JVS for interviews and 121 got placed. So far this year, 35 out of 130 applicants have been placed.

Ms Gaster has been telephoning employers since January seeking summer positions.

'Usefulness zero', Andre resigns

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -
Marion Andre's resignation as artistic director of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, announced last week, was partly due to the decision of the Y directors not to put on the controversial play, **The Man in the Glass Booth.** Andre opposed this decision which was reached after Holocaust survivors had denounced the play as anti-Semitic.

"My usefulness at the centre has reached the zero point," Andre said. His resignation takes effect May 15, almost a year since he assumed the post at the artistic centre. He was theatre director for five years.

Another factor that led to his resignation was "a particular conservative faction whose rumblings have become louder," he said.

"My views on the theatre and those of the management no longer coincide. I saw the centre on a much larger plane, as a bridge from all areas of the centre to the community at large."

Programming content at the centre may be altered to include mainly "Jewish-oriented" productions, and Andre feels there is a good possibility this may happen, although it is very important and valuable to concentrate on ethnic themes."

Asked about the possibility that plays at the centre will be reduced in number, Andre said apparently such suggestions came from the conservative faction which was claiming the theatre was too loud and was strangling itself by its sheer magnitude.

Harry Kosansky, executive director of the Y, said no major decisions have been taken which will alter the theatre programing.

Andre said intra-departmental differences over the last two years were hampering the effectiveness of the centre. "Because the theatre was so successful, other departments were being overshadowed and there were constant flare-ups. I was under the erroneous belief when I became director that I could balance all views and develop the centre as a unit."

Resources problem facing Israel

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -
Israel's problem is one of resources, of how to do for Russian Jewry to [illegible]thout giving up the pr[illegible] Israel made yesterday, a well known sociologist said here last week.

Dr. Judah Shapiro, of New York, a professor of Contemporary Thought at Hebrew Union College, spoke at the 49th annual dinner of Histadrut at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

"It will take a long time to absorb Jews from all over the world in the manner in which we are accustomed and in the manner they are accustomed to," Dr. Shapiro told his audience. "The Russian immigrant doesn't really consider himself a refugee, but as a person to be reborn. Russian olim must be treated on their level and Israel must provide assistance to meet their needs.

The dinner marked the close of the $500,000 fund raising effort to help provide Histradut medical clinics, vocational schools and scholarships in Israel.

Looking ahead

Unspoiled dream

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

One of the great attractions of Canada is its emphasis on the mosaic pattern of multiculturalism - as against the so-called "Melting Pot Theory" of America - a "melting pot," by the way, in which very little really ever did melt, anyway. Blacks are Blacks forever; and Whites have still not learned how to accommodate to them, well over 100 years after a Civil War that decided nothing!

In Canada, at least, there is still an unspoiled dream - of a cultural mosaic. Ethnic is beautiful, here; not dirty. One of the deep personal reasons why I chose to become a Canadian citizen (not remaining American) had to do with this very fact - and what I believe to be its profound implications for creative Jewish survival in Canada.

Where else on earth today would a Prime Minister, for example, say what a Jew would say - not only about Jews, but also about himself? That he, too, is a member of a minority in his own country!

One of the greatest speeches ever made in Canada was given by Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Montreal on February 1970, at a banquet given in his honor by the then Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Its words should never be forgotten.

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. . . Such contributions would have been impossible without a highly successful involvement in Canadian society. Since the Harts first settled here, Jews have set an example in the way they have identified with Canada. The ease with which so many members of the Jewish community are able to express themselves in our two official languages, is, in a sense, an example of the success of Canadian pluralism.

Furthermore, there is a remarkable resemblance between the Jewish community, with its widely differing cultural traditions, and the structure of our country, which is both bilingual and multi-cultural. Indeed the overall cohesion of the many elements of the Jewish community is an indication of the degree of unity that Canadians can hope to achieve within our federation.

The truth is that having been chosen, the Jews are destined to remain a minority amongst the peoples of the world. They are in fact the quintessence of a minority . . .

I am aware that we are passing through a troubled period in this province and that being a member of a minority in these circumstances can be a cause for apprehension. I know that many members of the Jewish community share this feeling and have doubts about their future in Quebec. If I can speak as a member of one minority to another - stick with it! Stick with it! With all your energies and abilities, play your full part in this society which you have helped to build and insist on your rights as members of it.

Yes let us play our full part in our society - as Jews who are Canadians - for we are "the quintessence of a minority" - a light and hope for other minorities.

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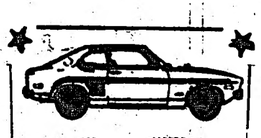

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Goodis' book raises temperature of advertising establishment

personality profile

By SOL I. LITTMAN

Jerry Goodis, author of the recently published 'Have I ever lied to you?' is an extremely vulnerable man.

His vulnerability, exemplified by the savage reviews his book received in both **The Toronto Star** and **The Globe and Mail**, results in part from his being president of a Jewish owned advertising agency in a field that is almost totally occupied in Canada by non-Jews. It is increased by an ebullient personality which makes it impossible to play things close to his vest. He is also the critic of an industry in which he participates and which leaves him open to accusations of insincerity. Finally, he is the product of a radical working class family involved in a trade that epitomizes the "system."

In recent years, a number of Jewish boys who have "done well" have written books describing their climb from lowly immigrant beginnings to positions of influence. (One such book that comes readily to mind is Norman Podhoretz' **Making it.**)

Such books have a peculiar fascination. On the one hand they are penetrating accounts of the inner workings of some of our revered institutions, on the other hand they are embarrassing displays of narcissism and pathetic pleas for reassurance. One wants to tell the author to cover his nakedness and at the same time urge him on to greater excesses in the hope that he will self-destruct.

However, Goodis' book does not arouse such sentiments. It is saved by the author's sense of humor, by his frank admission of failures and his willingness to credit his colleagues for successes.

Although Jerry Goodis now pays himself $50,000 a year, owns a new and bigger boat than last year, drives a Lincoln Continental and lives in a conspicuously affluent neighborhood, he has never concealed the fact that his parents were leaders in Toronto's left-wing labor movement. They were deeply involved in their organization's camp, school, meetings, disputes and loyalties.

Children growing up in such movements encounter many of the same problems. Most reject the intense concern of their parents' ideology like a discarded samovar. Others are, in a sense, children of the organization which serves as an extended family, supporting and encouraging its youth to perform and to achieve. Jerry was an achiever.

From the beginning, Jerry loved playing with the big boys. Although they patronized him at first, he also had the imagination and drive to assume leadership.

The big boys, in this case the established advertising industry, are uncomfortable with Goodis' book and its account of back room manouverings, bureaucratic bungling and stodginess. They deem it gauche, an unnecessary baring of the soul that can only serve to expose the industry. There is, for example, his account of the finale to a presentation at which the national advertising director of one of Canada's major corporations accused Goodis of having a tin ear. Goodis in turn accused him of having a lead brain.

"I got up, walked out of the room and never saw them again. Two weeks later, not unexpectedly, we got a letter firing us."

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In breaking through, Goodis is proud that he has never "bobbed my nose." He has never denied his Jewishness or concealed his radical origins. If Goodis sometimes comes on brash and self-congratulatory it is because he is brash. He is also sensitive, proud and generous. He may not have made it as graciously as some would like, but he has made it.

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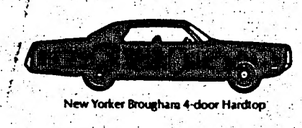

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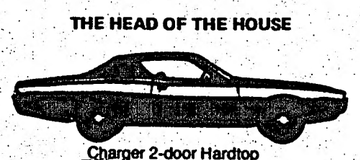

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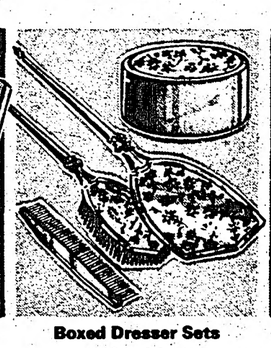

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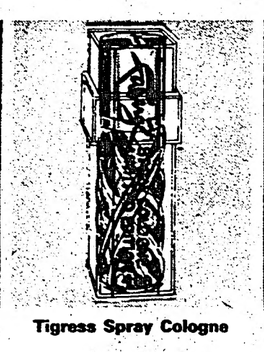

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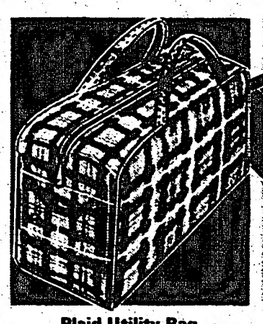

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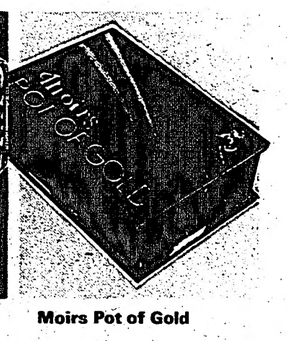

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National news

Rabbi Lester Rosner

Synagogues forge links

MONTREAL -

An unveiling ceremony to be held July 3 in Israel will officially mark the opening of a Montreal Synagogue.

Strange though it may seem, the ceremony is the final stage of the synagogue's "kesher program" designed to bring its Diaspora congregation in unique contact with the congregation in Israel.

"We wanted to spiritually and physically root our congregation to a synagogue - one that is our own - in Israel," explained Rabbi Lester Rosner, spiritual leader of the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Two years ago Rabbi Rosner initiated talks with leaders of the yet unnamed Synagogue in Talpiot, Jerusalem, suggesting a forging of links with his synagogue in Montreal.

Last spring - in the presence of Chief Rabbi of Israel Unterman - Rabbi Rosner presented a Sefer Torah to the Talpiot Synagogue. On Jan. 18, an agreement was reached where the Talpiot Synagogue would adopt the name of its Montreal counterpart, calling itself the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel Al Shaim Agnon.

Al Shaim Agnon was added in memory of Nobel prize winner Shmuel Agnon, one of the founding members of the Talpiot Synagogue.

The synagogue overlooks the Dead Sea and the Judean Desert, and was originally constructed in 1955, but used as a fortress during the 1956 War because it divided the borders in Jerusalem.

In 1970 the government released the structure to its original developers.

The synagogue was paid for by the City of Jerusalem, and by both congregations in Israel and Montreal who pay annual dues of $10.

Ben Milner, president of the Montreal Synagogue, conducted the negotiations, which also include an exchange of newsletters, arrangements for members to spend Shabbat and Holy Days as guests of the Synagogue, the placing of memorial plaques in the lobby of the Talpiot Synagogue, and arrangements for Bar Mitzvahs and weddings for Canadian members.

According to Milner, Israel has more problems regarding the participation of its citizens in synagogue life than in the Diaspora.

"To become involved in a synagogue in Israel is almost a strange thing, and synagogue affiliation is not an accepted part of Israeli life," he said.

The exchange of synagogue membership will not only involve Diaspora Jewry in a more fundamental way with Israel, but may very well begin a trend in Israel towards community participation in the synagogues.

"We are going to try to bring a new concept to Israeli life," explained Milner, "and we are going to arrange a kindergarten for working mothers to begin with.

"For us in Canada its like having an address in Israel, where you know you belong, and older people will always be able to meet people at the synagogue, and probably be invited to their homes.

"Next Rosh Hashonah," Milner declared, "I'm going to give up the King David Hotel so I can stay with a family of my congregation."

Soviet Jews placed in mental institutions

By KAREN FEIG

TORONTO -

Again it appears that the Soviet government has concocted fresh provocations with which to poison its Jewish captives.

In a recent phone call conducted under the auspices of the Toronto SCSJ, sponsored by the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, reports were confirmed about the danger that "psychiatric practice and facilities have been subverted for political purposes."

Vladimir Slepak cited two examples of seemingly healthy individuals whose views conflicted with those of the Soviet government, and who have been unjustly detained in mental institutions in the Soviet Union.

One such example is Yuri Brind, a 42 year old bachelor who organized a memorial meeting for the Jewish victims of the Nazi pogrom in Kharkov and wrote an open letter to **Pravda** defending the state of Israel. On March 24, Brind was summoned to the KGB where Interrogator Korienko (from the Prosecutor's Office, Kharkov Region) informed him that he was under suspicion of slandering the Soviet Union. Korienko claimed that he had an order signed by the prosecutor to send Brind to a mental hospital for psychiatric examination.

Brind, although never having been treated by a psychiatrist, was taken to Hospital No. 36, which has a closed department for prisoners or detainees who are to be committed for insanity. Brind, under close surveillance by police, was kept in another section of the hospital where, on April 4th, he declared a hunger strike and demanded that he be released and be granted permission to emigrate to Israel. Slepak explained that the medical commission in Kharkov has since concluded that Brind is normal and he has therefore been sent to prison.

94 women at Niagara luncheon

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

An enthusiastic response was reported in the Niagara Peninsula last week as women from the entire area gathered at Niagara-on-the Lake to attend a United Israel Appeal Women's Division luncheon.

"There were 94 women there and it gave me the greatest satisfaction to see that kind of an enthusiastic turnout for this first united effort in the Niagara Peninsula," said Sheila Newman. of St. Catharines, a chief organizer of the event.

"The co-captains from the different communities," she continued, "were tremendous and the momentum is continuing since those women who did attend the luncheon will continue to canvass others to ensure that we have maximum participation of each individual woman in her own right."

Robert St. John, a noted Middle East authority and biographer of both Nasser and Ben Gurion, addressed the luncheon.

"I am always rejuvenated when I see the spirit of the Israelis. I urge the women of the Niagara Peninsula to take pride in the achievements of Israel," he said.

Mrs. Newman was at first apprehensive that the luncheon, made possible through her generosity, "wouldn't turn out." The response, however, was so gratifying that she now hopes the idea will spread to other parts of Ontario.

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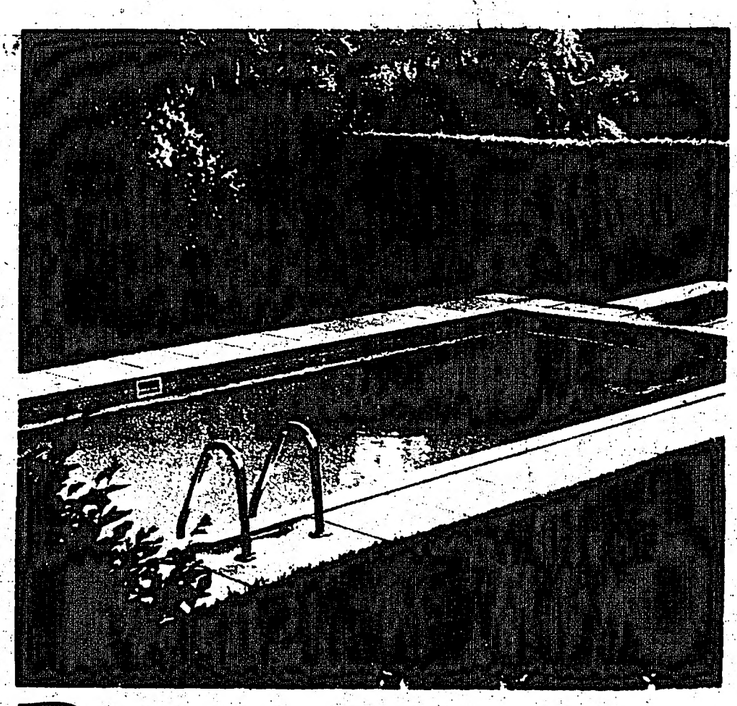

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They're giving another day to UJA--this time it's on Wednesday, May 10

"Give a day for UJA" on Yom Ha'Atzmaut was such a great success that there'll be a repeat performance on Wednesday, May 10.

Canvassers who participated in the earlier event said the community seemed to be ready for their calls. "The advance publicity worked well," they said. "We didn't have to do any hard selling. We made our calls - and in most cases our prospects were ready to sign."

The canvassers were so enthused that they felt another such a day would be a great help to them and they suggested the idea to the campaign leadership.

The result: "Give ANOTHER day for UJA" on May 10.

A breakfast rally, commencing at 8 a.m., at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, will get the canvassers in the mood to put in a diligent day of effort for the 1972 UJA-ISF campaign. Canvassers will be requested to report back to the synagogue between 4 and 6 p.m. to bring in their signed cards and checks.

Campaign Chairman Phil Granovsky has no doubt in his mind that the goal will be reached. But extra effort is needed to see prospects before the summer season sets in. "There are too many distractions in the summer," said Mr. Granovsky. "What with golf, summer cottages, fishing and all the other activities Canadians look forward to when the long winter ends, it is very difficult to sustain enthusiasm in the campaign past June 1. That is why we must reach every donor right now. Tomorrow is too late."

Mr. Granovsky hopes all the canvassers who came out last time and many more will join in this major effort to cover all prospects who have not yet been canvassed. At the same time, he asked everybody called on to give generously so that the minimum objective of $10,200,000 will be attained.

"The Soviet Jews are still on the move to Israel," he said, "and the problem of absorbing them is an overwhelming one. The people of Israel are doing our job for us - they are our contractors in handling the immigrants. The least we can do is to supply the funds so that the Israelis do not have to carry this tremendous burden themselves. They can't - and we have to do our part."

Concentrated canvassing must be done in every division, according to campaign statistics.

In some cases, said Mr. Granovsky, the insistence by campaign leaders on face-to-face canvassing has slowed down the coverage to some degree. However, he pointed out, canvassing a prospect in person usually results in a substantial increase in giving over last year. "When our canvassers have the opportunity of explaining the campaign story in person, there is rarely any resistance."

Al Green's Special Gifts division was pressing last week for a 100% cleanup of cards by early May.

Sid Starkman, chairman of Synagogues and Organizations, and Mrs. Edith Eason, chairman of the Women's Division, report their divisions are doing very well. (See separate stories elsewhere on this page.)

The school children are now busily engaged in planning UJA fund-raising projects and Mr. Granovsky said this should bring in a considerable amount of money for the campaign. "The children play an important role," he said, "and we welcome their enthusiastic assistance."

Based on last year's results, the annual Walkathon, scheduled for May 28, should bring in well over $100,000, he added. "There's been a fantastic amount of interest shown so far in the Walkathon," Mr. Granovsky said. "If this is any indication of the numbers we can expect to take part, there's no telling what the results will be. The 'Walking for Soviet Jewry' theme seems to have caught everybody's imagination. I just hope the streets of Toronto are wide enough to hold all the walkers!"

Jubilant over turning in their last signed pledge cards for the 1972 UJA–ISF campaign are members of Zaglembier Society. In the photo are, from the left: F. Bredin, H. Gelbard, H. Bleeman, C. Goldfinger and T. Spigelman.

Synagogues, Organizations report terrific results

There are no "trouble areas" in the Synagogues and Organizations division of the 1972 UJA-ISF campaign. That's the good news from Sid Starkman, the chairman.

Contributions are well up over last year, Mr. Starkman reported at a recent Campaign Planning Committee meeting, with some running as much as 24% ahead. All three groups in this division - Synagogues, Organizations and Metro - are up.

Mr. Starkman said he is especially gratified at the fact that treasury gifts are coming in well and these, also, show good increases.

There was great activity in this division all during April and fund-raising functions continue on in May. The photos on this page show some of the action during the past few weeks.

Gordon Mendly, third from left, UJA Organizations chairman, accepts treasury gift from Judea Lodge 52, Knights of Pythias. Lodge members looking on are Sam N. Goldhar, Q.C., Ben Albaum, Isadore Frileck and Issac Taylor.

Going over pledge cards at recent meeting of the Ostrovtzer Society, whose members have brought in contributions showing an increase of 35% over last year, are, seated: Ben Weinrib, L. Starkman, H. Fisher, J. Snider. Standing are: S. Nash, S. Freidman, S. Sweisman, H. Baiselman, A. Nyman, Gordon Mendly.

Members of the Habonim Congregation turn over check from proceeds of a social to Sid Starkman, left, UJA chairman of Organizations and Synagogues. Looking on are M. Gottlieb, C. Fleischer, L. Braun and G. Herman.

A canvassers rally held recently at the Beth Jacob Synagogue produced excellent results. Shown in the picture, taken at the rally: left to right, Izy Stern, chairman of UJA-ISF Synagogue Division; Sam Faivish, Beth Jacob's UJA chairman; Elias Jacob, co-chairman; Rabbi M. Burak; Louis Waxman, president; Joseph Rosenthal, co-chairman.

Phil Granovsky, campaign chairman, chalks up total amount in pledges brought in by canvassers at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on the recent successful Give a Day for UJA, to the delight of Herb Caplan and Irving Nashman.

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UJA Women's Division campaign flying high as gifts increase

"We don't know whether it's Women's Lib or whether we've just hit on the right approach, but 1972 has been a fantastic year for the UJA-ISF Women's Division, Mrs. Edith Eason, campaign chairman stated.

Marked increases are showing up in every area, with an estimated 34% over last year. Many new ideas have evolved and new sections of the city, left untapped in the past, have been opened up by the canvassers.

The year 1972 has been a year of innovation for this increasingly active division, beginning with the first Women's Study Mission to Israel, to a proposed high-rise canvass.

Optimism and enthusiasm permeate every area of the division from the chairmen right through the ranks of canvassers. "Much of this year's success is due in great measure to the volunteer education program, which began in January with the three-day visit from New York of Mrs. Beatrice Finkelstein," Mrs. Eason said. "Our canvassers went out armed with information and effective techniques which brought in good results."

Most of the Women's Division chairmen and co-chairmen interviewed have felt the new awareness of Jewish women to the needs covered by the campaign.

Mrs. Marcelle Esses, General Canvass co-ordinator, said that in her section which covers $25 to $75 contributions, "we are showing a 28% increase over last year and have over 600 new cards for women who have never given to UJA on their own."

Crown Gifts co-chairmen, Mrs. Ida Kent, said that "women are aware of the situation regarding the plight of Soviet Jewry." This concern has resulted in an increase of 20% in her division, with quite a few names added to the list of women who give over $365.

Mrs. Eleanor Rose, co-chairman of Ramah Gifts, reports increases in contributions for all previous donors in this very special division and an addition of 22 new names in 1972. Ramah signifies the height of giving - over $1,000 - and has been in existence only two years. "We have done exceptionally well," Mrs. Rose stated. "The women who went on the study mission saw for themselves how urgent Israel's needs are and they came through beautifully. The visit of Paul and Shoshana Beer also encouraged the women who attended the parlor meetings with their husbands to give on their own. They are becoming much more aware of their obligations as individuals. I think they are beginning to be conditioned to selfless giving. It's a good feeling."

On May 10 a day in Ottawa has been planned. Approximately 40 women who have given over $400 will have the opportunity of meeting Governor General and Mrs. Roland Michener for tea, have lunch with the Israeli ambassador Theodor Meron and his wife, do some sightseeing at the Parliament Buildings and have dinner at the National Arts Centre. Known as Project 400, it is the second such trip planned by the Women's Division. The first one was in 1970.

A "thank you to canvassers" sherry reception has been tenatively set for May 16. "We want to see a large turnout," Mrs. Eason said. "We have many women to thank this year and it will be a distinct pleasure to do so."

The kids love Irving

Who is Irving?

Ask any child in a Jewish school or synagogue Sunday school in Toronto and you will hear that he's the orange cat with the black eyepatch who accompanied his "family" in their exodus from Russia to Israel.

The smiling feline is the star of a UJA cartoon booklet distributed by the Board of Jewish Education to its schools throughout the city. This little character has proved to be so popular, the booklet has gone into a second printing. Copies are available at the public relations office of the United Jewish Appeal, 150 Beverley St. Irving is a creation of the public relations department.

Irving has kindly consented to be the featured symbol for the UJA Walkathon on May 28 - eyepatch and all!

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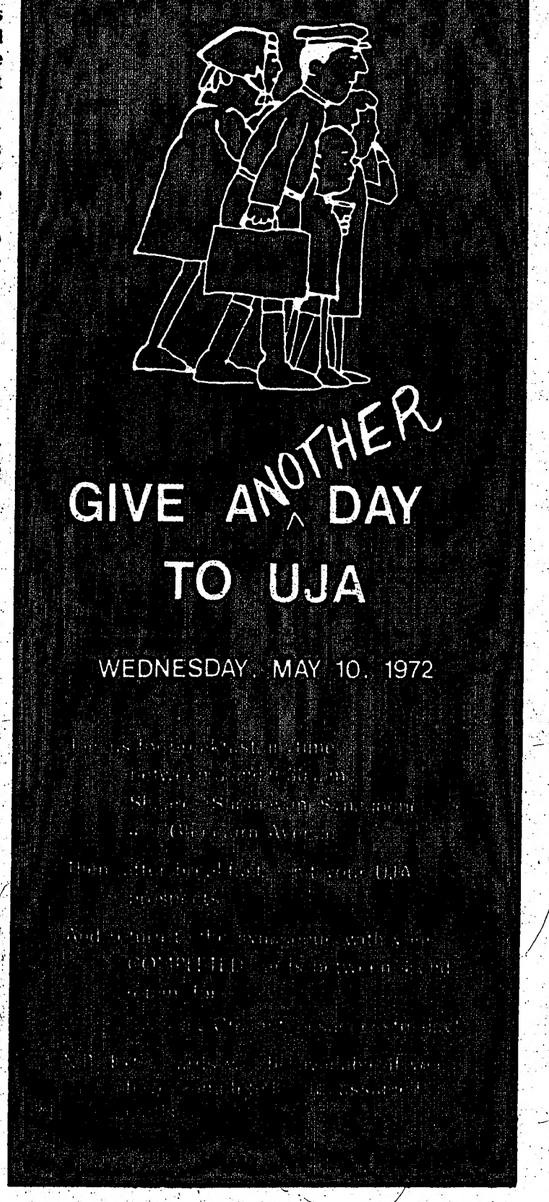

Proudly displaying $2,500 check which was turned over to the Women's Division by the Armour Heights Sisterhood, are Mesdames Shirley Crystal, Edith Eason, UJA Women's Division chairman, Reva Rubinstein and Jean Swartz.

Presenting check to Mrs. Edith Eason, UJA Women's Division chairman, are members of Lodzer Society. From left to right: Mesdames Mary Awronski, Luba Drew, Mrs. Eason and Regina Wildbaum.

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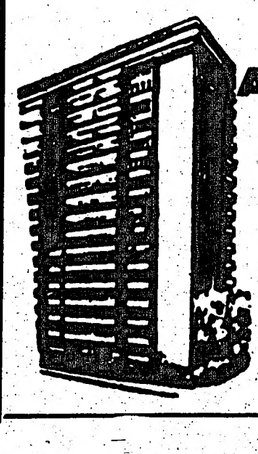
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Major conference on economics in Jerusalem

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -
It is sometimes more difficult to interest investment money for Israel than to interest persons to contribute large sums during fund raising appeals, says Eliezer Grunwald, deputy director of the Israel Investment Authority.

He made the remark at a Montreal reception held this week to interest Montreal industrialists in the 1973 Jerusalem Economic Conference. Grunwald also spoke at a luncheon this week in Toronto sponsored by the Israeli Trade Mission.

The conference - one of Israel's major economic events of the decade, scheduled for next May - is expected to attract business executives concerned with expanding business markets and economic opportunities.

"The conference is called on the occasion of Israel's 25th anniversary, and we want to take the opportunity to make an inventory of what we have already done, and what we are going to do," he said.

A prior economic conference held in 1968, following the Six Day War, was hailed as a turning point in Israel's economic history "since it exposed economic potentials never before internationally expressed.

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Israeli Shylock controversy

By MOSHE RON

TEL AVIV -

It is characteristic of the Israelis that during a time in which they are faced with many difficult problems of security, politics, the economy, building homes for new immigrants and absorbing them, a sharp public controversy has broken out about a Shakespeare production at the municipal theatre in Tel Aviv, the Chamber Theatre.

It is an established fact in the theatrical world that in the drama **The Merchant of Venice,** who demands a pound of flesh from a Christian, is a tragic figure and a proud Jew. He protests with his unconventional demand against the persecution of Jews by Christian society which regards him as an inferior being, mocks him and deprives him of human rights.

The young Israeli director, Josef Israeli, has given Shakespeare's drama a different interpretation. The critics and theatre-lovers in Israel have accused him of having produced an anti-Semitic play. Shylock appears as an inferior type, a miser of the lowest class, a man without self-respect and a cruel money-lender. The Christian society of Venice appears in a positive light as a noble class of humans. The critics said that even in Shylock's famous monologue, in which Shakespeare expressed the woes and pain of the persecuted Jew, artist Aver Yeheskiahu has made a mockery out of it with shouts and cries, in order to make no impression on the public.

The critics and public were very disappointed by the play and maintained that if such a performance had been shown abroad in this form, Jews and liberal Christians would certainly have demonstrated in front of the theatre, in order to protest against its anti-Semitic character and would have compelled the theatre to stop the showing.

The controversy continues in all Israeli theatre, art and social circles. In some newspapers a demand appeared not to open the new modern theatre in Jerusalem with such an "anti-Semitic play". Such a performance, the critics maintain, would be a shame to the capital of Israel.

"I wanted to show a play which accuses the Christians" says Josef Israeli. "I wanted to show a macabre comedy. The worst anti-Semite in the play appears as an angel. They do not send the Jew to a death camp. They only cripple his character. It would have been much easier for me if I could have portrayed Shylock in the play as a great and proud Jew, with whom the Israeli public could identify itself. It is easier to identify one's self with a Jew than to think about him."

"Thirty years ago there was a certain justification in representing Christians in **The Merchant of Venice** as Nazis" the director claims. "Today it would be ridiculous. The younger generation who visit the theatre, accept this production in a natural way. They are not overshadowed by dark memories of the Diaspora and they are not afraid to see a Shylock on the stage as he has been and as the people of Venice treated him. I did only what I understand and what I consider to be right. I do not take into account whether a performance would be a success or not. In my opinion the play is an expression of protest against the Christian establishment of Venice. They are not noble figures, as the critics maintain. They make Shylock the Jew suffer in an elegant manner. Shylock is not only a suffering Jew. He fights and even wishes to take revenge."

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